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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/56/101 of 26 June 2001, the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Soemadi D. M. **Brotodiningrat** (Indonesia);

Mr. Michiel W. H. **Crom** (Netherlands);

Ms. Nazareth A. **Incera** (Costa Rica);

Mr. Rajat **Saha** (India);

Ms. **Sun** Minqin (China);

Mr. Juichi **Takahara** (Japan);

Mr. Nicholas A. **Thorne** (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Soemadi D. M. Brotodiningrat (Indonesia)

Place and date of birth: Solo, Indonesia, 13 June 1941.

Education

Gajah Mada University; Yogyakarta, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (International Relations).

Institute international d'administration publique, Paris, Section diplomatique.

Mid-career Foreign Service Course, Jakarta.

Senior Foreign Service Course, Jakarta.

Current position

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Japan and to the Federated States of Micronesia, Tokyo.

Professional career

1965	Joined the Department of Foreign Affairs.
1965-1971	Head of Section, Directorate of Information, Department of Foreign Affairs.
1971-1975	Third Secretary/Second Secretary, Indonesian Embassy, Brussels (also accredited to Luxembourg and to the European Community).
1975-1978	Deputy Director, Directorate of Social and Cultural Relations, Department of Foreign Affairs.
1978-1982	First Secretary/Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations, New York.
1982-1984	Deputy Director, Directorate of Multilateral Economic Cooperation, Department of Foreign Affairs.
1984-1988	Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations, New York.
1988-1991	Director of Multilateral Economic Cooperation, Department of Foreign Affairs.
1991-1995	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations and other international organizations, Geneva.
1995-1998	Director General of Foreign Economic Relations, Department of Foreign Affairs.
1998-present	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Indonesia to Japan and to the Federated States of Micronesia, Tokyo.

Working experience

United Nations administrative and budgetary matters

Member of the Indonesian delegation to the General Assembly, 1978-1998.

Representative of Indonesia to the Fifth Committee, 1978-1988.

Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee, thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, 1981.

Representative of Indonesia on the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 1978-1985.

Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 1984.

Representative of Indonesia on the Committee on Conferences, 1978-1982.

Other United nations bodies and related forums

Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, fortieth session of the General Assembly, 1985.

Member of the Indonesian delegation to various sessions of the Economic and Social Council.

Vice-President of the UNDP Governing Council, 1987.

President of the High-level Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1966.

Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, 1993.

Member of the Indonesian delegation to the various meetings of UNCTAD.

Member of the Indonesian delegation to various meetings of GATT/WTO, ILO, WHO, ITU, WIPO, FAO and UNIDO.

President of the Conference on Disarmament, 1994.

Non-United Nations organizations and forums

Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Group of 77, Organization of the Islamic Conference, ASEAN, APEC, ASEM, IOR-ARC, Group of 15.

President of the Governing Council of the Common Fund for Commodities, 1997-1998.

Bilateral missions and joint commissions.

Awards

Satya Lencana Karya Satya 20th, Indonesia.

Satya Lencana Karya Satya 30th, Indonesia.

Bintang Jasa Utama, Indonesia.

Officier de l'Ordre de Leopold, Belgium.

Groot Officer in de Orde yan Orange-Nassau, the Netherlands.

Michiel W. H. Crom (Netherlands)

Date and place of birth: 6 October 1946, The Hague.

Education: Leiden University, Master of Law, 1972.

Professional experience

1972-1975	Ministry of Culture, Recreation and Social Welfare, Department of International Affairs, dealing mainly with UNESCO and international conventions.
1974	Member of the Netherlands delegation to the UNESCO General Conference.
1975-1979	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of International Organizations, section dealing with administrative and budgetary questions and the coordination thereof in the United Nations system. Responsible for coordination of administrative and budgetary issues in the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee and the World Health Assembly.
1979-1986	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Section, responsible for administrative and budgetary questions and the coordination thereof in the United Nations system.
1976-1986	Member of the Netherlands delegation to the General Assembly, representative on the Fifth Committee.
	Member of the Netherlands delegation to the budgetary and administrative committees of FAO, UNESCO, UNIDO, ILO and IAEA.
	Member of the Netherlands delegation to the WHO Assembly, 1978-1984.
1985-1986	Netherlands representative to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1987-1990	First Secretary, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Netherlands in Oslo.
1990-1994	Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Netherlands in Prague.
1994-1997	Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, Head of the Development Cooperation Section, Embassy of the Netherlands in Bangkok.
	Permanent Representative to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Various functions in the yearly ESCAP Conference:
	Vice-Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, 1995;
	Chairman Resolutions Committee, 1996;
	Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, 1997.

1997	Second half: Head of the Political and Information Division, European Community Monitor Mission in Sarajevo.
1998-present	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations.
	Netherlands representative on the Fifth Committee; During the membership of the Netherlands on the Security Council (1999-2000), also in charge of the daily management of the Mission.

Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica)

Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations for the period 1999 to 2001.

Born 18 July 1941 in Costa Rica.

Education

1988	New York University Multinational Institute of American Studies on Contemporary American Politics
1962	Sacro Cuore University Milan, Italy
	Psychological testing
1963	University of Southern Mississippi Business Administration, Psychology

Professional experience

1999-present	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)
1999-present	Adviser on multilateral policy issues Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1996-1999	Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations New York
1990-1996	Minister, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations New York
1984-1989	Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations New York
1978-1983	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations New York
1972-1978	Consul, New York
1967-1972	Consul, Milan, Italy
1964-1967	Vice-Consul, Milan, Italy

Professional responsibilities

1997-1999	Representative of Costa Rica to the Caucus of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Security Council
1997-1998	Representative of Costa Rica to the Security Council (European issues)
1997-1998	Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee (administrative and budgetary questions) of the United Nations

1996	Chairman of the Group of 77 and China (Fifth Committee issues)
1992-1994	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Second Committee (economic questions)
1985-1999	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries
1982-1999	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Fifth Committee
1982-1994	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Group of 77
1982-1984	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Fourth Committee (Decolonization) and the Committee on Information
1972-1980	Delegate of Costa Rica to the plenary of the General Assembly

International meetings

1999	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Summit Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Cartagena, Colombia
1997	Head of the delegation of Costa Rica to the Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, New Delhi
1995	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Summit Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Cartagena, Colombia
1994	Head of the delegation of Costa Rica to the Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Bandung, Indonesia

Seminars

1991	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
	Workshop programme on international affairs (peacekeeping operations)
1982	World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C.

Languages

Spanish, English and Italian (fluent)

French (basic knowledge)

Rajat Saha (India)

Date and place of birth:	28 August 1949, Calcutta, India.
Academic background:	Graduated with Honours in Physics from Scottish Church College, University of Calcutta.
Languages spoken:	English, Bengali, Hindi and Bhasa Thai.

Previous professional experience

1977	Joined the Indian Foreign Service.
1979-1981	Third/Second Secretary, Embassy of India in Bangkok. Functioned as Head of Chancery.
1982-1985	Second/first Secretary, Embassy of India at Seoul. Responsible for Economic and Commercial Divisions.
1986	Under-Secretary, Foreign Service Training Institute.
1987-1988	Deputy Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairs.
1988-1991	First Secretary/Counsellor, Embassy of India at Berne. Functioned as Head of Chancery and responsible for Political and Consular Divisions.
1991-1993	Counsellor, Embassy of India, Tripoli. Functioned as Deputy Chief of Mission.
1994	Attended training course at the National Defence College, New Delhi.
1995-1996	Director, Ministry of External Affairs, in charge of communication Division and Deputy Chief Vigilance Officer.
1996-1999	Counsellor/Minister at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations; leader of the Indian delegation to the Fifth Committee.
1999-present	Member, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Sun Minqin (China)

Date and place of birth: 31 May 1953, Shanghai, China.

Education

1978-1979	Postgraduate studies in London School of Economics, majoring in International Relations.
1977-1978	Postgraduate studies in Ealing College of Higher Education, United Kingdom, majoring in English.
1973-1977	Graduate studies in Beijing University of Foreign Studies, majoring in English, Politics and History, etc.

Professional experience

1999-present	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations, in charge of Fifth Committee affairs.
1994-1999	First Secretary and Deputy Director of First Division, in charge of Fifth Committee and Security Council affairs.
1990-1994	Second/First Secretary, Office of the Representative of the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group.
1985-1990	Third/Second Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of Fifth Committee (United Nations General Assembly) affairs.
1981-1985	Attaché, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in charge of secretarial and protocol work.
1979-1981	Staff member, Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Participation in international conferences

Fifth Committee meetings (United Nations General Assembly) in 1987, 1989, 1999 and 2000.

Meetings of the Executive Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission held in Geneva in 1996 and 1997.

Executive Council meeting of Inter-Parliamentary Union in 1997.

Ministerial Meeting and Summit of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, 1998.

Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 1989, 1998, 1999, 2000.

Juichi Takahara (Japan)

Date of birth

25 August 1953

Present position

Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions since February 2000; Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, in charge of administrative and budgetary affairs since February 1999; delegate to the Fifth Committee since February 1999; rapporteur of the thirty-ninth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Academic background

B.A. in Law, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, 1977

Professional career

1996-1999	Deputy Chief of Mission, Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, Singapore
1994-1996	Director, Science and Nuclear Energy Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1994	Senior Assistant, General Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1992-1994	Deputy Director, Financial Affairs Division (in charge of planning and implementation of the Ministry's budget, including United Nations budget), Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1990-1992	Deputy Chief of Mission, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, Côte d'Ivoire
1987-1990	First Secretary, Japanese Mission to the European Communities
1985-1987	Deputy Director, Second Latin America and Caribbean Division, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1983-1985	Assistant Director, Personnel Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1980-1983	Disarmament Division, United Nations Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1980	Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1978-1980	Attaché, Embassy of Japan, France
1977-1978	First West Europe Division, European and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nicholas A. Thorne

Date and place of birth:	31 March 1948, Margate, United Kingdom.
Education:	Chatham House Grammar School, University of Westminster, United Kingdom
Working languages:	English, French.

Professional experience

1971-1974	Third Secretary, British Embassy, Yaoundé. Accredited to Chad, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Central African Republic.
1974-1978	United Kingdom permanent representation to the European Communities in Brussels. Responsible for European Community resources and financing issues. UK representative on the EU Budget Committee.
1978-1979	Sabbatical year at University of Westminster (special emphasis on financial issues, accounting and audit standards).
1979-1980	South Pacific Department, Foreign Office.
1980-1983	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations, New York. Responsible for First Committee issues and certain issues covered by the Security Council.
1983-1987	Head of Chancery, British Embassy, Manila. Responsible for coordinating general bilateral political and commercial issues, including finance.
1987-1989	Deputy Head of United Nations department, Foreign Office. Responsible for all aspects of United Kingdom policy towards the United Nations, including financial, administrative and management issues.
1989-1991	Secondment to Thorn EMI Plc (a major communications and high-technology multinational). Responsible for advising on potential mergers and acquisitions in Eastern Europe.
1991-1995	Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, United Kingdom Embassy, Helsinki. Responsible for bilateral, political and commercial issues.
May 1995	Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the United Nations. Leader of United Kingdom delegation to the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
November 1998	Elected member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
December 1998	Relinquished responsibilities at the United Kingdom Mission.
January 1999 to date	Independent member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.